

***More than 40 energy-related companies share tips on how to save money on energy bills***

Toms River - Congressman John Adler today hosted an Energy Expo at the Ritacco Center with more than 40 energy-related companies on hand to discuss cost saving ideas with local families and small business owners. Congressman Adler also answered questions about the ongoing federal tax relief programs that could help Shore area residents lower their energy bills.

"I want to make sure that our local seniors, families, and small business owners receive information on how to cut costs and save money," Congressman Adler said. "This Expo was a great opportunity for Shore area consumers to talk directly with energy companies and clean energy job employers."

During the Expo, seniors, families, and business owners had the opportunity to hear new ways to save money on utility and gas bills. Representatives from various companies also discussed clean energy job creation in Ocean County. This new industry is bringing jobs to our communities, and it's important that South Jersey residents get their fair share.

Free of charge, and open to the public, the Energy Expo was held in the Ritacco Center, a building with 300 solar panels. Residents of Toms River passed the referendum that led to the installment of solar panels at the building in 2005. There were tip sheets and resources to take home and share with family and neighbors. Participants included NJ BPU, Jersey Central Power & Light, Community Energy, SunRay Solar, Energy Star, Atlantic City Utilities, NJ Natural Gas, and more.

Congressman Adler recently voted in support of the bipartisan American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. This legislation will create 48,000 jobs in New Jersey and save taxpayers money on their monthly energy bill.